



MEDIA ADVISORY

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HECB to hold public hearing in Spokane

OLYMPIA— Members of the Higher Education Coordinating Board will hold a public hearing in Spokane on Monday, Nov. 10, to hear public reaction to the panel's draft plan for higher education in Washington. The meeting will take place from 7:30 to 10 a.m. at the Spokane Riverpoint higher education campus.

The 10-member citizen board released a draft of its 2004 Strategic Master Plan for Higher Education last week. The plan calls for a 20-percent increase by 2010 in the number of students who graduate from college and contains several recommendations to strengthen the connection between the higher education system and the state's economic development.

An interim version of the plan is due to the Legislature and governor by mid-December. The final plan will be published next June following legislative review.

The board has scheduled a second hearing on the plan for Thursday, Nov. 13, in SeaTac, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Chaps Ballroom of the Radisson Hotel, 17001 Pacific Highway South. No official board action will be taken during either hearing.

Who: Higher Education Coordinating Board
What: Public hearing on draft 2004 Strategic Master Plan
Where: Health Sciences Building, Room 110B
Spokane Riverpoint campus
310 N. Riverpoint Blvd., Spokane
When: Monday, Nov. 10
7:30 – 10 a.m.

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The plan is available through the HECB Web site:

<http://www.hecb.wa.gov/Docs/packets/03October/HECBDraft-10-30-2003.pdf>